AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

1-6.   Cancelled.

7.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing configurable resources to create a computing environment, the system comprising

a configurable communication link;

a plurality of hardware devices coupled to the communication link; [[and]]

a plurality of software programs [[coupled to]] executable by the hardware devices, the

software programs comprising at least one of operating system software and

application software, wherein the computing environment comprises the

communication link, at least one of the hardware devices and at least one of the

software programs; and

a visual construction of the computing environment via a user interface, the user interface

coupled to a display screen and to an input device for generating signals in

response to interactions of a user, wherein

the user interface is configured to accept a signal which enables the user to

request a copy a device configuration,

the system is configured to make the copy of the device configuration and save

the copy of the device configuration in storage,

the user interface is further configured to accept a signal which enables the user to

instantiate a device from a stored configuration, and

the system is further configured to instantiate the device from the stored

configuration.

8.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7, further comprising: wherein the user interface configured to

a visual construction of the computing environment via a user interface, the user interface

coupled to a display screen and to an input device for generating signals in

response to interactions of a user, wherein the user interface configured to:

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accept a first signal from the input device which enables the user to specify a type
of operating system for use in the computing environment;

accept a second signal from the input device which enables the user to specify a
type of hardware for use within the computing environment;

accept one or more further signals from the input device which enable the user to
specify software to be used within the computing environment.

9.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the user interface is
further configured to:

accept a signal which allows the user to specify a new device to run in the computing
environment,

activate the new device, and

display the computing environment having the new device.

10.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the user interface is further
configured to display a plurality of configurations-before accepting a first signal which enables
the user to specify a type of configuration.

11.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the hardware devices
comprise at least one of a hand-held device, a PDA, a cell phone, a smart card, a Global
Positioning System device, and a Point-of-Sale terminal.

12.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the user interface is
further configured to:

accept a signal which allows the user to specify constraints on the hardware.

13.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein
the user interface is further configured to accept a signal which enables the user to
specify a request for shared storage;
and
the system is further configured to allocate the shared storage to be accessible through at
least one of the hardware devices.

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14.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 12, wherein
the user interface is further configured to accept a signal which enables the user to
        specify a request for private storage;
and
the system is further configured to allocate the private storage to be accessible through
        specific devices in the computing environment for a specific user.

15.   Cancelled.

16.   (New) A system for providing configurable resources to create a computing
environment, the system comprising
        a configurable communication link;
        a plurality of hardware devices coupled to the communication link;
        a plurality of software programs executable by the hardware devices, the software
            programs comprising at least one of operating system software and application
            software, wherein the computing environment comprises the communication link,
            at least one of the hardware devices and at least one of the software programs;
        a visual construction of the computing environment via a user interface, the user interface
            coupled to a display screen and to an input device for generating signals in
            response to interactions of a user, wherein the user interface configured to:
            accept a first signal from the input device which enables the user to specify a type
                of operating system for use in the computing environment;
            accept a second signal from the input device which enables the user to specify a
                type of hardware for use within the computing environment;
            accept one or more further signals from the input device which enable the user to
                specify software to be used within the computing environment, wherein
                the user interface is further configured to
                    accept a signal which allows the user to specify a new device to
                        run in the computing environment,
                    activate the new device,
                    display the computing environment having the new device,

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display a plurality of configurations-before accepting a first signal

which enables the user to specify a type of configuration,

accept a signal which allows the user to specify constraints on the

hardware,

accept a signal which enables the user to specify a request for

private storage,

accept a signal which enables the user to request a copy of a device

configuration, and

accept a signal which enables the user to instantiate a device from

a stored configuration, and

the system is further configured to

allocate the private storage to be accessible through specific

devices in the computing environment for a specific user,

make the copy of the device configuration and save the copy of the

device configuration in storage, and

instantiate the device from the stored configuration.